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E.O. 11652: GDS

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SUBJECT: PROPOSAL FOR FEBRUARY MEETING OF OECD HIGH-
LEVEL GROUP ON COMMODITIES.

REFS: STATE 18780, GENEVA 9423 OF 20 DECEMBER 1975.

1. WE HAVE DISCUSSED HLGC MEETING WITH COLLIN OF
DREE (MINISTRY FOREIGN TRADE) AND HENNEKINE OF MFA.
WHILE COLLIN SEEMED COOL TO IDEA OF HLGC MEETING,
HENNEKINE SAID GOF HAD ALREADY AGREED IN PRINCIPLE TO
MEETING BEFORE FIRST CORM SESSION AND WOULD PROBABLY
HAVE NO PROBLEMS WITH FEB 9-10 DATES (THOUGH GOF HAS
NOT YET RECEIVED PRESTON'S INVITATION).

2. HENNEKINE AND COLLIN BOTH UNENTHUSIASTIC ABOUT
USE OF GROUP B PAPER AS BASIS FOR DISCUSSION AT CORM.
HENNEKINE SAID THAT PRESENTATION OF PAPER, WHICH ALREADY
IN EFFECT REJECTED BY GROUP OF 77 AT GENEVA, WOULD
PROBABLY BE CONSIDERED PROVOCATIVE BY LATTER; MOREOVER,
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HE DOUBTED IF SCANDINAVIANS OR DUTCH WOULD APPROVE SUCH

USE. GOF, HE SAID, CONSIDERS DECEMBER UNCTAD SESSION TO HAVE BEEN A FAILURE BOTH FOR COMPLETE ABSENCE OF GROUP B-GROUP 77 NEGOTIATIONS AND BECAUSE OF "WEAK" NATURE BROUP B PAPER; GOF HAD THEREFORE GIVEN NO THOUGHT TO USE OF THAT PAPER IN CORM. HE SIAD HE WOULD SEEK TO ASCERTAIN GOF POSITION ON USE OF GROUP B PAPER IN CORM, BUT ASSUMED THAT GOF WOULD IN ANY EVENT BE PREPARED AT HLGC MEETING TO DISCUSS POSSIBLE FURTHER USE OF THE PAPER. HE INDICATED GOF WOULD NOT WISH TO WITHDRAW ITS RESERVATIONS TO GROUP B PAPER PRIOR TO ANY HLGC AGREEMENT TO USE THAT PAPER IN CORM BUT THAT GOF MIGHT BE PREPARED TO "ADUST" ITS RESERVATIONS IF USE OF GROUP B PAPER WERE IN FACT APPROVED (WHICH EVENTUALITY HE EVIDENTLY CONSIDERS UNLIKELY).

3. NEITHER COLLIN NOR HENNEKINE INDICATED THAT GOF WAS CONTIMPLATING ANY EC INITIATIVE OR PROPOSALS FOR FIRST CORM MEETING.
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